

Disastrous Fire Again Visits Old Cloverport

Beautiful Homes and Comfortable Residences Eaten Up By Flames On The East Side of Town--- March Winds Blew a Terrific Gale

BUCKET BRIGADE WAS PEOPLE'S ONLY PROTECTION

Occurred Monday morning. Losers: Lee Modes, John Carter, Henry L. Morton's family, Chas. Morton, Edward Gregory, O. T. Skillman and A. R. Fisher.

Monday morning at 10:45 fire broke out in the home of Henry Morton on the East Side and burned all the houses, with one exception, on Third street between Front and High streets. A high March gale was blowing from the north and the whole town was threatened.

The fire, it is said by some, was caused from a defective flue and others say it was started by a spark from Morton's saw mill. However, Morton's house burned first and the fire spread so rapidly, it appeared that there was little hope of stopping it without a loss similar to that suffered nearly a decade ago.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

One of the leading citizens appealed to the Board of Public Safety of both Louisville and Owensboro, for assistance in the way of a fire engine. But by 11:30 the wind subsided and the men got the flames under control.

SHOP MEN SAVE TOWN.

Just as quickly as the cry of fire was given Master Mechanic Plank gave orders to Foreman Lefe Behen to have the Henderson Route men go to the rescue. The wrecker was sent to the depot, which was close to the fire, with heavy water supply and buckets. A bucket brigade was then formed by the railroad men and the citizens and this is what saved old Cloverport from another horrible disaster.

HOUSES BADLY DAMAGED.

The fire fighters worked like Trojans to save the homes of Leon McGavock, Frank Payne and Chas. B. Skillman. McGavock's house is on the lot adjoining Fisher's and the other houses are across the street. The men soaked McGavock's house with water, but it is said the Murray Tile Roofing is what saved it. Payne's house was covered with wet blankets and rugs.

RESIDENTS MOVE FURNITURE.

Fearing a repetition of the catastrophe of nine years ago, the residents on the East Side who thought every minute their homes would be enveloped in flames, got together their treasures and moved their household goods. The streets were filled with furniture as the furnishings of Mrs. Lucy Gregory, W. H. Bowmer, Dr. Forrest Lightfoot, D. H. Severs, John D. Babbage and St. George Hotel, were moved from their homes. J. C. Nolte had his household goods packed, but he and Mr. Emel Nolte, like others, were so busy in trying to save other people's homes that they neglected their own. Nolte Bros. furnished barrels of salt for the fire fighters. Dr. Lightfoot had \$5000 worth of stock and he kept close watch on his stable.

ANNIVERSARY OF BIG FIRE.

Just nine years ago Sunday night, the heart of Cloverport was eaten up by a terrible conflagration and Fisher and Skillman suffered in that fire.

OUTSIDE WORLD CONCERNED.

Just as soon as the news of the fire got on the wires, the outside world was greatly concerned, and anxious about

Cloverport. The News received six long distant calls, besides getting inquiries from newspapers as to the extent of the fire, and several others received inquiring messages from friends and relatives.

MR. MORTON'S STATEMENT.

Chas. Morton came to the News office yesterday morning and stated that the fire did not start from his mill, but originated from a defective flue as stated in the beginning of this article.

MAY REBUILD.

Mr. Skillman and Mr. Fisher will possibly rebuild. Both had little insurance. The Fisher homestead was one of the prettiest places in Cloverport and was a land mark of the town.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.

A. R. Fisher's loss \$6000, insurance \$2000; Orville Skillman's loss on building and furniture, \$800, covered by insurance; Ed. Gregory's house and furniture, \$800, insurance \$400; Chas. Morton's loss \$750; John Carter, \$700; Lee Modes, household goods, total loss.

WALKS FROM SKILLMAN.

J. C. Jarboe heard of the fire about twelve o'clock while on his farm at Skillman and started at once to ride home horse-back. Mr. Jarboe said it occurred to him his barn might be burned, so he left his horse and walked. Mr. Jarboe said, "It didn't burn my house, but it did my neighbors and that's bad enough."

BEST FIRE FIGHTERS.

Otto Tague, who worked extremely hard Monday morning, said Cloverport had the best fire fighters he had ever seen any place. There are a number of men who should be given honorable mention or thanked personally for their diligent work in the disaster, but printers ink cannot do everything.

WARNED THE PEOPLE.

Week before last in an editorial The News warned the people of fire, but warning does no good when the nearest fire engine is in Owensboro.

FRONT STREET PEOPLE SCARED.

The residents on Front street were all in danger Monday morning and the Burke, Davis and McCracken families moved all their furniture from their homes.

THE FUNNY SIDE.

In the midst of the excitement Chas. Jackson got a good soaking. Big hearted Henry May threw a bucket of water on him and Jackson told him if he threw any more on him what he would do. May pitched another bucket of water on him, then Jackson hung the bucket over his head.

Tom Ferry said he dealt in window curtains during the fire. When Fisher's home was burning, he said he would run in the house and some one would tell him to get out. He made three attempts to save something for the Fishers and got one window shade. Then he went to the Phelps' and as soon as he stepped into the house he said Mrs. Phelps asked him to get her a certain window shade as calmly as she would say, "Pass me the butter please."

"Red" Weatherholt stayed up in Skillman's cupola and every five minutes old "Red" would yell, "Skillman's

J. RIELEY POLK SUCCUMBS.

Death Results From A Peculiar Accident--Died Friday Night At His Home In Tobinsport.

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY.

John Rieley Polk died, Friday night at his home at Tobinsport. His death was the result of the serious and peculiar accident which befell him last Sunday afternoon while handling his skiff on the Ohio river bank at Tobinsport. The skiff fell over on him and broke his neck. It was reported last week that he was paralyzed, but this was not the case, Dr. Simons said, but a more critical condition.

This was the second dangerous accident that he had met, having been rescued from drowning while crossing a creek horse-back several years ago.

Mr. Polk was forty-two years of age and was a well-known farmer of Perry county. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Clara Leaf and one son, Forrest Polk, professor of the public school at Sharpesville, Ind. Besides these he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Sanders and Mrs. Emma Scales, and one brother, Robert Polk, of this city.

The funeral was held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. L. S. Sanders, of Franklin, Ind. Mr. Polk was a member of the Methodist church and was a good man, liked by young and old. Beautiful flowers were sent by kind friends and relatives in loving remembrance for the deceased and the interment was held in the Lamb cemetery.

house is burning up!"

Colin Miller ran up a tree, like a squirrel, with a bucket of water.

After the danger was over, one woman found all of her pitchers and wash bowls in her garden.

Mrs. Henry Pate said Mr. Pate was always behind on every occasion but he certainly got a cat hop on him when that fire was cried. His daughter said, "They ought to have a fire every morning to make Daddy get up!"

Mr. Fraiser, the tailor and cleaner, who worked so hard, carried a machine around with one hand until some one told him to put it down.

GOT A BIG SLICE BACK.

One young woman fully realized for the first time that bread cast upon the waters will some day come back. Last week she met a certain man, who in a way had displeased her and she did not want to speak to him, but she dropped the feeling of anguish and decided it would not hurt her to be kind enough to speak and she did. When the fire broke out her home was threatened and she saw her big slice of kindness floating back to her, for this man was the first to offer his assistance in saving her home. This was the best bread she ever tasted. And there was a good deal of this kind of food scattered over old Cloverport Monday morning.

An Appeal

To my Friends in Breckenridge, Hancock, Meade Counties, Ky. and Perry County, Ind.

Over eight years I have served you at every beck and call. Today fire has destroyed everything for me. Do you want me to stay among you? Shall I have to pull up and go to other fields? It depends on how you come to my help. Edward Gregory.

Pastor Treats The League.

At the Epworth League Social Thursday night Rev. Mr. Dillon surprised the crowd with a large box of chocolate candy. Brother Dillon is very fond of the young people and shows it by his kind words and acts. J. C. Nolte and Bro., furnished the paper napkins for the occasion without cost and often favor the League in many ways.

PRESBYTERIAN'S TO DEDICATE CHURCH.

Sunday Morning--Dr. E. L. Warren To Deliver Dedictory Address--Beautiful Program Arranged for This Occasion.

CHURCH CLEAR OF DEPT.

The Lucile Memorial Church, of this city, will be dedicated Sunday morning by Dr. E. L. Warren, of Louisville, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Graves. The services are expected to be largely attended and a program has been arranged for the occasion. The church has paid every dollar it owes and stands clear of debt today.

DIRECTORS

Of Breckenridge County Fair Elected--C. Vic Robertson Chosen President--Judge Kincheloe Secretary.

The Directors of the Breckenridge Fair Company met Saturday and elected C. Vic Robertson, President; Chas. H. Drury, Vice President; Morris B. Kincheloe, Secretary, and the Bank of Hardinsburg and Trust company, Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Secretary was instructed to learn the time of the Grayson, Hardin and Ohio county fairs so that ours could be placed at such time as to complete the circuit of four, thus making it convenient and less expensive for exhibitors to reach the four after starting into the exhibiting business.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Chelf Still on The Bench This Morning.

Evidently through some oversight at Frankfort the commission of Special Judge John Haswell, who was appointed to complete the present term owing to Judge Chelf's illness, has failed to arrive and Judge Chelf opened court this morning and may be compelled to remain on the bench until the belated paper from Frankfort arrives.

Judge Haswell is from Hardinsburg and is one of the finest gentlemen in Kentucky, combining an attractive and winning personality with a good knowledge of the law, which makes him popular both as judge and as a man. Elizabethtown News.

TWENTY THREE

VALUABLE STEERS.

Perhaps one of the best loads of cattle that has gone out from Hardin county this year was sold by P. T. Stader on the Bourbon Stock Yards Monday. There were 23 in the load and they averaged 1300 pounds. He got \$6,60 a hundred for them thus realizing nearly \$2,000 on the lot.

Etown News.

Thanks.

I want to thank my many friends who came to my assistance Monday when so much of my property seemed doomed to destruction by fire. I love to live among my friends who will come to help you when you are in trouble, again thanking each one I am your friend.

F. L. Lightfoot.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. John A. Ross.

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Royal Baking Powder
Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food

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MR. MCGARY

Summoned At His Home In Hardinsburg Last Week--Was Three Score Years And Ten.

John Simeon McGary, nearing seventy-four years of age, died at his home in Hardinsburg Thursday, March 10, after some four years of poor health, the crisis setting in last Thanksgiving, since which time a gradual decline has been sapping his life. He is survived by his wife and nine children. Forty-five years ago he was married to Lizzie Freeman. To them were born ten children, one dying in infancy. The others are Wathen and Will, of California; Philip, of Washington, Ind.; Mrs. Eli Potts and Mrs. Walter Ward, of Louisville; Mrs. Jas. Hook, of Hardinsburg, and the three single daughters, Mamie, Belle and Ottie. Two brothers, Fladger and Frank, of Kirk, and a sister, Mrs. Alvy, of Owensboro, also survive him. The interment was in St. Remond's cemetery the day following his death.

"Sim" McGary, as he was familiarly known, was a carpenter, an honest man, a Christian gentleman, a devout Catholic, a man of whom a life long neighbor declares, "he never intentionally or knowingly wronged any man." Such men live not in vain, for their lives influence for good all who knew them.

Ashcraft's Sale a Success.

Albert Ashcraft's sale Thursday was a grand success and well attended. Everything sold high especially hogs. Mr. Ashcraft closed out his farm implements and stock to take charge of the Irvington Produce Co's business at West Point. He is a fine business man and a good hustler and will no doubt make good in that line of business as he has done in farming. Some of the prices 1 sow and 4 pigs \$27. 1 sow and 6 pigs \$35. 1 sow and 10 pigs \$50. 3 shoats \$25.50. 51 ewes and 48 lambs brought \$460. 1 Jersey cow and calf \$86.50. Corn 70 cents per bushel.

Going West.

J. C. Crutcher, R. R. agent at Webster, had the following parties for the West last Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and family, for San Diego, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. John Compton, for Walter, Okla.; Mrs. B. S. Wilson, for Ardmore, Okla., also several men for south west Texas.

New Officers.

The Ladies Aid Society have elected for the ensuing year the following officers: President, Mrs. Wickliffe DeHaven; First Vice Pres., Miss Elizabeth Skillman; Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Shelby Conrad; Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Severs; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Pierce; Pianist, Mrs. Dillon. The Aid Society paid \$400 last year to the church and have \$24.27 to their credit in the bank.

Sixty-five Years Old.

Jesse Weatherholt was the guest of honor at a dinner party given last Tuesday on the hill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hiram Moorman. Mr. Weatherholt was sixty-five years of age that day. The guests were Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mrs. Marion Weatherholt and Mr. Allen Black.

LENARD ELDER

Dies At The Age of Seventy-nine Years--Leaves Large Family Funeral Held Monday.

At ten o'clock Sunday morning after a week's illness Lenard Elder, a well known and aged citizen, quietly passed from life at the home of his son Andrew Elder, on Main Street, in Hardinsburg. He had been a life long farmer, and had done considerable carpentering. Born June 19, 1831, about five miles from Hardinsburg, on the Stephensport road, he had spent his life at and near his birth place. He married Josephine Elizabeth Jarboe, who died in 1890, since which time he has made his home with his children. These surviving children are Mrs. Rachel A. DeJarnett; John A. of Brazil, Ind.; Mrs. S. T. May of Lewisport; Andrew of Hardinsburg; and Robert of Hopkinsville. The remains were laid to rest in St. Remond's cemetery at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The deceased was a devout Catholic, a man whose religion was exemplified in his daily life, a good neighbor, a kind father, and withal a man of the sort to give character and reputations to a community. He leaves his impression upon those whom his life touched.

DR. CHAS. LIGHTFOOT

Will Come To Cloverport April First To Practice Medicine. Will Be Welcomed Here By His Many Friends.

Dr. Chas. R. Lightfoot, of Hawesville, has rented the Gibson property on First street and will move there before April the first, with his family, consisting of his mother and aged aunt. He will engage in the practice of his profession, as a full partner with Dr. F. L. Lightfoot. He comes well recommended, having practiced in Paducah ten years and at Hawesville one year. Dr. Lightfoot will buy a lot as soon as a desirable one can be found, and build a handsome home and expects to make this his future home.

Moorman--Miller.

Word was received here of the marriage of Miss Adelia Moorman and Mr. Claude Miller that took place Saturday afternoon in Louisville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had planned to marry this coming May, but he was called immediately to Texas and they decided to be married at once. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Mrs. Sallie Moorman and has a host of friends in Cloverport, her old home.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the late illness of our husband and father. We also extend our thanks to the Cloverport Carpenters Union and the Faculty and Students of the Sharpesville High School for their beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. J. R. Polk and Son.